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Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 19, steamship *Syria;* crew, 44; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, 2; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 24, steamship *Bergenseren;* crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Esperanza;* crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, W. K. FORT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Vessels touching at Honolulu to file a copy of their bills of health.

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter dated the 30th ultimo (E. B. S.), relative to the matter of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha filing a copy of their bills of health at this office.

In reply I have to state that since the matter of the British steamers *Miowera* and *Moana* (Fine Cases 106 and 109), I deemed it advisable to request the masters of all vessels touching at this port, en route to and from foreign ports, to file a copy of their bills of health, and, as they are usually issued in triplicate by the United States consul, I did not consider it would be any hardship for the masters to comply with this request and it would furnish this office with a proper record.

I beg to thank you for supporting me in this matter.

Respectfully, E. R. STACKABLE,
Collector of Customs.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Influenza and dysentery.

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there were 37 cases of influenza and 88 cases of dysentery occurring in the Hawaiian Islands for this month up to date, this information having been furnished to this office by the Hawaiian Territorial board of health.

Respectfully, L. E. COFER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaiian Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Further concerning plague-infected rats on the steamship Waialeale.

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 29, 1901.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 14th instant relative to the finding of rats dead of plague on board the steamship *Waialeale* at this port, I have the honor to inform you that up to this date there have been no further developments from this focus.

On opening the hold after the preliminary sulphur disinfection we found 12 more dead rats; 1 of them, selected at random, was examined